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SALCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1966

REPORT PRESENTED BY

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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AREA No. 5 · SOUTH WEST DEVON

DARTMOUTH and TOTNES Municipal Boroughs

BUCKFASTLEIGH
KINGSBRIDGE
SALCOMBE

} Urban
Districts

KINGSBRIDGE
PLYMPTON ST. MARY
TAVISTOCK
TOTNES

} Rural
Districts

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URBAN DISTRICT OF SALCOMBE
REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT
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Preface

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith the Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1966 drawn up in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/67 dated January 1967. Included in the Report is the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

In October 1966 Dr. R. B. Walker who had been your Medical Officer of Health since 1st. January, 1956 emigrated to Canada and the undersigned was soon afterwards appointed Acting Medical Officer of Health. Also in 1966 Dr. Mary Budding of Tavistock was appointed as part-time Deputy Medical Officer. Dr. Budding is also Medical Officer of Health to Okehampton Borough and Rural Districts and a Senior Medical Officer on the Staff of the Devon County Council at Tavistock.

POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The Registrar General estimated the population remained at 2,420 persons which is lower than the 1961 Census Population (2,549 persons). Births exceeded Deaths by two persons and the Standardised Birth Rate at 18.13 is higher than the National Rate of 17.1 per thousand persons. Also the Standardised Death Rate at 8.07 is lower than the National Average of 11.7 per thousand. Just over half the total deaths were due to diseases of the heart and circulation and only three of the 31 deaths were due to cancer.

GENERAL HEALTH

No official notifications of infectious diseases were received.

Sewage disposal still presents a problem but a major scheme for providing one sewage outfall from Salcombe instead of eighteen separate outfalls is in course of preparation.

Your Public Health Inspector gives a very good Report on his work but points out the difficulty of finding enough time to adequately inspect hotels and catering establishments at the height of the summer season.

During 1966 no Statutory Action was necessary under the National Assistance Acts of 1948 and 1951 for the removal of persons in need of care and attention, and no burials took place under Section 50 of the 1948 Act.

I wish to thank all the Members of the Council and Staff for the very kind way they have received me.

JOHN WILDMAN

Medical Officer of Health

OCTOBER, 1967.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - STAFF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R. B. WALKER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., (Resigned: 31. 10. 1966).

JOHN WILDMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., (Appointed Acting M.O.H.,
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VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1966

Table 1

Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Salcombe Urban District

2,420 (2,420)

Natural increase or decrease	...	...	...	...	...	+ 2
Migration in or out	...	...	...	...	...	- 2
Total increase or decrease	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
Population at 1961 Census	...	...	...	...	...	2,549

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area of Salcombe Urban District in Acres

1,297

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books

966 (940)

Number of Houses per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.745
Number of Persons per acre	...	...	...	...	...	1.865
Number of Persons per house	...	...	...	...	...	2.232
Dwellings owned by the Council	...	...	...	...	...	143

Rateable Value of District 1st. April

£113,453 (£110,448)

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

£462 (£450)

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1966

Table 2

Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets

BIRTHS:

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... 18.13

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.33

Number of Live Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Total</u>	22	11	33
Legitimate	16	10	26
Illegitimate	6	1	7
<u>Number of Stillbirths</u>	0	0	0

DEATHS:

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population ... 8.07

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 0.63

Number of Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>All Ages - Total</u>	17	14	31
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.</u>	1	0	1
Number under 4 weeks of age	1	0	1
Number under 1 week of age	1	0	1
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births ...			30.31

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birth Rate 17.7 (18.1) Death Rate 11.7 (11.5)

Infantile Mortality Rate 19.0 (19.0)
(Infants under 1 year of age)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1966

No official notifications were received.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1966

<u>Line No.</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
	ALL CAUSES	17	14	31
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	0	0	0
4	Diphtheria	0	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8	Measles	0	0	0
9	Other infectious and parasitic diseases	0	0	0
10	Malignant Neoplasms, stomach	2	0	2
11	" " , Lungs, bronchus	0	1	1
12	" " , Breast	0	0	0
13	" " , Uterus	-	0	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	1	2
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0
16	Diabetes	0	0	0
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	0	1	1
18	Coronary disease, angina	6	2	8
19	Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	0
20	Other heart disease	1	4	5
21	Other circulatory disease	1	2	3
22	Influenza	1	0	1
23	Pneumonia	1	1	2
24	Bronchitis	2	0	2
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	0	0	0
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	0	0	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	3
33	Motor Vehicle accidents	0	0	0
34	All other accidents	0	0	0
35	Suicide	0	0	0
36	Homicide and Operations of War	0	0	0

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Inspector for the year 1966.

WATER SUPPLIES

The whole of the Salcombe Urban District receives water supplied by the South West Devon Water Board. Regular samples of the supply are taken by the Board to ensure its wholesomeness. There has, therefore, been no cause for any action to be taken by the Department in this connection.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There has been no change during the year with reference to the disposal of sewage. The existing arrangements are as follows:-

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| <u>Batson area:</u> | Untreated sewage from Lower Batson is discharged on to the foreshore near Batson Green. |
| <u>Salcombe:</u> | Untreated sewage discharges from eighteen outfalls along the foreshore between Island Street and Woodcot. |
| <u>North Sands:</u> | Untreated sewage discharges at a point on the foreshore adjoining the Castle. |
| <u>South Sands:</u> | Untreated sewage is discharged at a point near Splat Cove. |

The condition of the foreshore along the Salcombe side of the Estuary is most objectionable and results in complaints being made, from time to time, to the Council. Progress has been made in the preparation of details of proposed tidal storage tanks adjoining Shadycombe Creek together with a new outfall sewer to pick up the eighteen outfalls from along the Salcombe frontage with a final discharge off Woodcot Bay. This is, however, slow and has not fulfilled the expectations following a visit to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in March 1966 when it was thought that a Public Inquiry could be held later in the year. The Public Inquiry is, however, expected towards the middle of 1967.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

The Council maintain an efficient refuse collection service throughout the district. The kerbside collection, whilst far from being ideal, is reasonably efficient and economical. Refuse is collected weekly from all premises in the district and daily, twice, or three times per week, from hotels, business premises, etc., on request. A small cover charge is made for the extra collection.

Consideration has been given during the year to the replacement of the existing refuse collecting vehicle and it is expected that a continuous loading compression type vehicle will be obtained early in 1967. This type of vehicle is highly suitable for the paper sack system of refuse storage which is slowly increasing in the district.

During the year refuse was disposed of at Batson Creek but the available space for tipping is now very small and consideration was given, during the year, to the disposing of the refuse at the Molescombe Quarry Tip - a site used both by Kingsbridge R.D.C., and Kingsbridge U.D.C. Whilst this would result in a considerable increase in travelling to and from the Tip I expect that this can be offset by a more efficient collection using a new machine of larger carrying capacity.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT

Routine inspections are made throughout the year of food premises in the district and, where necessary, informal action is taken to ensure compliance with the Food & Drugs Act and the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The standard of food hygiene is, on the whole, satisfactory. Seasonal staff is engaged during the summer months at hotels and other business premises, many of whom have no previous knowledge or experience of food hygiene. It is not possible to inspect all the hotels and guest-houses during the year, the many duties carried out by your staff usually results in Food & Drugs inspection being cut down considerably.

Samples of ice-cream are taken from the retail suppliers - these have not been as satisfactory as they should but advice on cleaning and sterilization has been causing an improvement in the laboratory results.

Small quantities of unsound food have been condemned after being voluntarily surrendered. This is mainly tinned foods which have been obviously unfit.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

Following the initial survey of the premises in the area few inspections have been made of premises covered by the provisions of this Act. Shops and Offices in Salcombe usually employ very few staff and any contraventions of the Act are dealt with on an informal basis.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT - STATUTORY NUISANCES

It is pleasing to note that very few complaints are made to the Council of statutory nuisance. Any matter which is reported is usually dealt with on a personal and informal basis and results in the nuisance being abated with the least possible delay.

It has not been necessary to take any formal action in this respect.

CARAVAN SITES CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There is only one licensed camping site within the Urban District and the conditions imposed in granting the licence have now been complied with. Periodical inspections are made to ensure that the camp is maintained in a satisfactory manner. There are 40 caravans and 10 tents.

Practically the whole of the Urban District is within an area covered by an Article 4 Direction under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act and regular inspections of the district are carried out to ensure camping is not taking place within the areas covered by the Direction.

HOUSING

1966 saw the completion of the housing scheme to replace the prefabricated Arcon Bungalows with 30 permanent dwellings. There are no unfit houses in the District but the Council has under consideration the provision of another 10 Old Peoples' Flats and 6 other dwellings.

G. ROTHWELL.

Public Health Inspector.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1966. A total of 30 inspections was made in respect of 33 premises listed in the Factories Register.

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power (Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6)

Number on Register	...	...	...	NIL
Inspections	...	...	...	NIL
Written Notices	...	...	...	NIL
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	NIL

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power (Section 7)

Number on Register	...	...	...	19
Inspections	...	...	...	16
Written Notices	...	...	...	NIL
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	NIL

(iii) Other Premises under the Act (Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises)

Number on Register	...	...	...	14
Inspections	...	...	...	14
Written Notices	NIL
Occupiers prosecuted	NIL

2. <u>Cases in which Defects were found</u>	NIL
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PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

There are no registered Outworkers.

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